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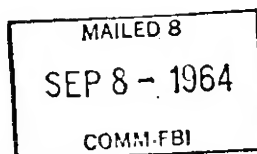
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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of August 29th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, I would like to point out that information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. In view of this, I am sure you will understand why I cannot furnish the data you are seeking.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Rock Island, Ill.  
Aug. 29, 1964.

Dear Sir:

Is it true that Martin Luther King, Jr. belongs to 60 Communist-front organizations? I'm sure you must have checked on this man and I wish to know if it is true. I have read an article written by Dr. King in the Atlantic Monthly and I was very impressed by his writing, and certainly sympathized with the viewpoint he expressed. This week I saw a picture of Dr. King made by an employee of the State of Georgia, at the Highlander Folk School in Monteagle, Tenn during the Labor Day week-end of 1957. It says on the picture caption this school was abolished by an act of the Legislature of the State of Tenn. at a later date because it was charged with being a subversive organization.

Also in the picture is Karl Prussien, Abner W. Berry said to be of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, Aubrey Williams, Pres. of the Southern Conference Education Fund, Inc. The Transmission Belt in the South for the Communist Party., and Myles Horton, Director of the Highlander Folk School for Communist Training, Monteagle, Tenn. It says the Karl Prussien, a counterspy for the FBI for 22 years, charges that Martin Luther King belongs to 60 Communist-front organizations--more than any Communist in the U.S.

This leaflet is printed by the Augusta Courier, July 8, 1963

If you cannot authenticate this information for me would you please be kind enough to tell me where I could find out. If you have a list of these 60 Communist front organizations Dr. King belongs to I would be interested in having that also. I hope it is untrue, but if it is true I think I have a right to know. I shall certainly appreciate your help in this matter.

Very Sincerely Yours.

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The White House  
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MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.

Few men have ever gone so far so fast in the affairs of American public life as the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., an obscure Negro Baptist preacher in Montgomery, Alabama. That was Mr. King in 1955; and it was also in 1955 that Mrs. Rosa Parks chose rather to spend some time in a cell of Montgomery's jail than to submit to a regulation of the Montgomery bus lines; namely, that Negro passengers should occupy rear seats of the buses.

Rosa Parks was challenged when she persisted in her refusal to move to the rear of a Montgomery bus. Mrs. Parks had in the recent past taken a course at Highlander Folk School, at Monteagle, Tennessee. Highlander was an institution for training leftist students in theory and tactics for organizing Communists, pro-Communists, militant Socialists, and sundry other organizations of radicalism. There are other lists, and sundry other organizations of radicalism. There are other facts about the Highlander Folk School which are important for an understanding of Martin Luther King and his integrationist crusade, a) after years of litigation, Highlander was closed by law, and b) Martin Luther King attended a session of the school in August-September, 1957; and c) Mr. King was still struggling toward the top position in the so-called Negro Freedom-Now movement. In the state of mind in which Mr. King found himself at that time in his career, he was not too reluctant to accept support or encouragement from any source that offered him aid. In these circumstances, Martin Luther King was an easy target for Communist and other radical infiltration.

The Communist apparatus moved in at the moment it became evident that King was ready, willing, and able to listen to anything Communist agents had to say. At Highlander Folk School, the scheming extremists had planted one Abner Berry, a charter member of the subversive apparatus. (Berry is a Negro, whose Communist Party membership was not secret in 1957; but he lived, moved, and had his being in the operations of the Popular Front -- which means that he was suave, informed,

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and convincing in obeying Communist instructions.) Abner Berry was not alone in his assignment at Highlander; other Communists were present to give aid to Berry although they were greatly outranked by the talented integrationist. At any rate, Mr. King willingly and cordially listened.

If there is any substance to the claim that Martin Luther King is now a knowing and active anti-Communist, it has been a carefully guarded secret. (The story of Mr. King's reactions to his stay among the reds at Highlander Folk School was recorded in a series of photographs taken on the spot at the little red school house at Monteagle, Tennessee.)

When the State of Tennessee stepped in and destroyed Highlander Folk School, the subversive institution simply packed up whatever movable property was lying around, called its teachers and students together, changed the school's name, migrated to a spot "across the street," and settled at an address in the town of Knoxville.

The "Folk School" was interred among the hills of Monteagle; the personnel -- some of whom were connected with the school for more than 25 years -- shoved off to Knoxville, landing at the new address, 1625 Riverside Drive. At present, the institution operates under the name, Highlander Education and Research Center.

What stands out in the mass of data surrounding Martin Luther King and the Highlander Folk School is the fact that Mr. King is still a "sponsor" of Highlander Center. His attitude toward this single instance of a Communist front is characteristic; he has a penchant for sponsoring front after front.

A small part of King's record for supporting manifestos, appeals, petitions, open letters, and protests which aim at obtaining pardons, clemency, parole, new trials, and/or amnesty for any Communist/or extremist leftist who flout the law. Some of these aids rendered the Communist apparatus by Martin Luther King are as follows:

- a) Clemency Petition to JFK on Behalf of Carl Braden -- New York Post, May 1961;
- b) Braden Clemency Appeal to the President -- Southern Patriot, June 1961;
- c) SCEF Appeal to JFK for Clemency for Carl Braden -- petition, September 1961;
- d) National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell -- 4-page tabloid, November 1961;
- e) National Clemency Appeal on Behalf of Frank Wilkinson and Carl Braden -- press release, November 1961;
- f) Petition to JFK for a Pardon for Junius Scales -- press release, April 5, 1962;
- g) Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell -- leaflet, February 1963;
- h) National Appeal for Freedom for Morton Sobell -- leaflet, Washington, D.C., mass meeting, November 19-21, 1960;
- i) Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell -- National Guardian, November 28, 1960;
- j) National Convocation for Freedom for Morton Sobell -- The Worker, November 27, 1960.

In every instance, the individual named in the tabulation above as a recipient of Mr. King's pleas was an identified Communist. The individual involved as a defendant supported by the front apparatus of the Communist Party was pictured as a martyr of capitalist justice. The process by which the Communist law-breaker emerged from the propaganda treatment as a citizen who can do no wrong. In almost every case, a Communist who finds himself caught in a ruling-class court is comforted by the thought that he has the honorable status of victim in a capitalist frame-up. This will, as a rule, be advanced as a defense for any Communist defendant whatever regardless of the nature of the crime alleged against him.

Another item utilized by the Communists in their defense of one of their number is the formation of a front organization (sometimes many fronts, if the case drags on and on). It is a rule not often omitted, especially in cases where there is promise of prolonged litigation. (Remember the Case of the Scottsboro Boys which

the Communists helped greatly to stretch to 19 years, 2 months, 15 days, while the money-raising brigades of the Communist apparatus roamed over the face of the earth, 1) putting the word Scottsboro on every tongue, and 2) collecting more than a million dollars, only a fraction of which was ever spent on the defense of the Boys.)

The name of Martin Luther King, Jr., is almost ideal for the role of sponsor on a Communist-front organization which, according to standard specifications, is largely composed of "notables." There is no doubt that Mr. King is a "notable," more widely known than some members of the United States Supreme Court. Any private citizen who can ask for, and get, an all-day conference with the Mayor of New York City, is, indeed, a "notable." Noting the fact that Mr. King, who holds no elective office, was "negotiating" with the Mayor on the return of law and order to a large section (Harlem) of the largest city (New York) on earth.

Among the awards, honors, decorations, medals, and/or degrees received by Martin Luther King, Jr., since he took over the leadership of the bus strike (or boycott) from Mrs. Rosa Parks who inaugurated the mass action of the Negro community under the auspices of the Montgomery Improvement Association -- King's most coveted award has been the Spingarn Medal. This honor was bestowed on the young Baptist clergyman at the NAACP Convention in Detroit in June, 1957.

Martin Luther King, Jr., travelled fast and far in the Negro Freedom-Now Movement. When the young clergyman was pushed into, or worked his way up to, the front line of the movement, he was all of 25 years old. He was fresh out of theological seminary and was, in fact, looking for a pastorate in which to settle, when he landed squarely on the bus boycott in Montgomery, Alabama. (Alexander, The Great, was almost as young as Martin Luther King.)

High Communist functionaries were quick to discover the newest boy wonder whose cosmic schedule was running exactly on time; and for once, recognizing a revolution when they saw one, wasted no time in getting aboard. At that time,

M.L. King had not yet acquired a past.

At the outset of this memorandum, attention was drawn to the fact that Martin Luther King made some kind of pilgrimage to Highlander Folk School. Whatever his conscious motives and/or interests, the objective results were that Mr. King met and hobnobbed with some of the most prominent Communists and pro-Communists then active.

The Communist infiltration of his staff was publicly acknowledged by Mr. King last summer. On July 27, 1963, the New York Times reported that Mr. King called a news conference to report that one Hunter Pitts O'Dell was no longer on the staff of King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference. The man had been on the staff twice, the latest period of employment having been terminated on June 26, 1963. Identified as a Communist, O'Dell invoked the Fifth Amendment before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee in 1956 and before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in 1958. O'Dell had been an organizer for the Communist Party in the South.

King may have been ill-advised in setting up his long negotiating conference with Mayor Wagner. While King was playing the game solo, it should be remembered that the collective leadership of the Negro Freedom-Now Movement is neither formal nor binding. It has been known for some time that jealousy, common in such circumstances, has led to murmurings along brick-and-bottle scarred 125th Street. Among those who qualify as leaders of the Movement are Martin Luther King; Roy Wilkins; Bayard Rustin; A. Philip Randolph; James Farmer; Hilton A. Calamison; Fred Shuttlesworth; Ralph Abernathy; and John Lewis.

Of the nine Negro leaders named in the foregoing paragraph, one stands out as a natural leader. Although there was no effort to conceal the fact that he (Bayard Rustin) was connected in any way with Martin Luther King, it was five years before it became generally known that Rustin was secretary, advisor, and organizer to Mr. King. In his youth, Bayard Rustin had been a member of the Young Communist



League. That, he admits. Calling attention to his youthful attachment to the YCL would be somewhat pointless if it were possible to decode his ideological message for the whole Negro community and not for the "talented tenth" alone.

The question here is how much and what influence did Bayard Rustin exercise over Martin Luther King while he was secretary to the latter, from 1955 to 1960. Both men are fond of broad generalities. King has set forth his views in two books and a number of magazine articles. The self-portrait which he presents in his books is that of a scholar who has mastered the philosophy and theology of Reinhold Niebuhr, Karl Marx, and Mahatma Gandhi -- all by the time he was barely 25 years old.

Some assistance in finding out what Rustin believes/or says he believes may be found in a letter which he addressed to the New York Times a short while ago. He wants the "civil rights movement to broaden its social objectives." He wants the movement to inaugurate "over-all social reform." And, of course, he believes in the "enactment of social legislation for all Americans." He wants the poor white trash (M.L. King uses the phrase to work his Negro audiences into a frenzy) -- he wants his white allies to fight for "bolder concepts of social welfare." Rustin will tell you how "they mock the electorate," how "they will ultimately frustrate" the best Executive intentions, and, writes Rustin, "our present political alignments are the principal obstacles to social reform." Bayard Rustin reveals his total ignorance of the American system of government and how it works. He proposes, without a scintilla of imagination, that the Negro Freedom-Now Movement should capture the Republican and Democratic parties: "parties which permit themselves to be used as vehicles for the entrenchment of racist and conservative power." Rustin closes his letter to the New York Times with the suggestion that the "next marches should be on the Democratic and Republican party conventions." (New York Times, December 28, 1963)

Rustin signed his letter to the Times with the title, "Deputy Director, March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom." It is much too soon to be confident in making an evaluation of the March, one that will stick. It has begun to appear that the seeds of jealousy were sown in the long tramp-tramp-tramp in Washington, D.C. By virtue of his seniority -- and seniority alone -- the leadership of A. Philip Randolph is as long as his remaining years. At this point in the Negro Freedom Story, the de facto leadership belongs to Martin Luther King, and well he knows it. If any of the aspirants succeed in crowding Mr. King out of his No. 1 spot in the Movement, Bayard Rustin seems destined to draw the Lucky Lot. Rustin has received the accolades of both King and Randolph, and their praise only confirms his estimate of himself. In signing himself as Deputy Director of the March, Rustin serves notice that he intends to hold on to the title long after it ceased to represent any functional reality.

Somewhere along the line, King's radicalism brought him into association with A. J. Muste, almost universally held to be the father of present-day militant pacifism. One of A. J.'s pacifist tentacles is called the Church Peace Mission (the CPM appears to be dormant at the present time). The Dutch-born, erstwhile nonparty Communist, dabbler in all shades of radicalism, nearing 80 years of age, the lithe but limber A.J. Muste has a favorite photograph of himself for use in his publicity: it shows him in mid-air, jumping over a guarded fence which surrounds a defense plant to which are admitted only those bearing proper credentials.

On April 6, 1962, Muste released a pamphlet entitled "A Christian Approach to Nuclear War." It called for the advocacy of unilateral disarmament (by the U.S.) and peaceful resistance to Communism. The Communist conspiracy would like nothing more than the rapid and extensive growth of these two types of action. The list of sponsors of the pamphlet includes the name of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Speaking at a session of hearings before the Special Preparedness Subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services Committee, on May 24, 1962, page 2692,

Senator Strom Thurmond introduced a pamphlet issued by the War Resisters League. (Bayard Rustin is executive secretary of the WRL). Senator Thurmond described the WRL pamphlet as one of "several hundred examples of antimilitary, pro-Communist youth actions," and that it "is an all-out attack against Polaris submarines; it promotes peace marches...and it generates a wide variety of civil defense protest actions for disarmament and disloyalty...Rev. A. J. Muste and Martin Luther King are prominently named as promoters of resistance against the so-called U.S. arms race. You will note the absence of reference to Communist aggression." Featuring the names of Muste and King came naturally in a project which was under the direction of Bayard Rustin. The three men have been intimately associated in a wide variety of ultra-leftist activity for almost ten years.

All three men -- Muste, King, and Rustin -- profess to be disciples of Mahatma Gandhi. Take a long good look at their claim to be followers of Gandhi. Martin Luther King has little, if any, likeness to Gandhi, either in doctrine or behavior. Gandhi embraced the doctrine of quietism and turned it into a political weapon. M. L. King is a bombastic orator, a familiar public speaker who is forever tempted to use words for their own sake, not for understandable communication. The result is that he promises a wagon load of impossibilities. This is not so deplorable when only the "talented tenth" are deceived; they have the power to un-believe the bombast by the time the orator has reached his closing promise.

On the 2nd of June this year, Mr. King sent a telegram to Jesse Gray, director of Community Council on Housing, identified as an organizer of the Communist Party of Harlem. King wired Gray as follows: "You have my absolute support in your righteous and courageous effort to expose the outrageous condition that Negroes confront as a result of substandard housing conditions."

This is the story of Martin Luther King, Jr., who tells the whole world "that truth is not to be found either in traditional capitalism or in Marxism." And that Marx and Engels were men "afire with a passion for social justice," which is a falsehood.

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RE:

BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1135

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1136

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August 31, 1964

Airtel

1 - Mr. Rushing

1 - Mr. Forsyth

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To: SAC, Atlanta (100-5586)

From: Director, FBI (100-106670)

MARTIN LUTHER KING  
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Re: Rep of Special Agent [redacted] dated 5/26/64.

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In view of the importance of the subject in racial matters, the Bureau is of the opinion that all information concerning the subject should be readily available and up to date. Therefore, you are instructed to submit an up-to-date report, suitable for dissemination, containing all unreported pertinent information regarding the subject's subversive activities and subversive associations.

This report must reach the Bureau no later than October 15, 1964.

NOTE:

Subject's name not included in Section A of the Reserve Index. All pertinent information has been disseminated to the Department and interested agencies as the information was received. It is deemed advisable to have a current summary of this information available.

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: August 13, 1964

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Bland
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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We advised the White House on 8/8/64 that Martin Luther King, Jr., President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, wanted to meet with the President to discuss certain problems in connection with the moratorium on racial demonstrations, which King felt dictated the necessity for a conference between himself and the President.

On the morning of 8/13/64, SAC Roney of the New York Office called and said that at 10:48 a.m. [redacted] advised King was in conversation with Bayard Rustin, currently active in the civil rights movement in New York City and known to have had previous communist affiliations. It appears they were discussing King's continued efforts to meet with the President on the civil rights matter.

During the conversation, King said that he talked to Presidential Assistant Lee White on the night of 8/12/64. White told King the President was tied up and wouldn't be able to see him. He wondered whether King would discuss the matter with the President on the telephone. King told Rustin that he felt the President was trying to avoid him. King felt that the President did not want to meet personally with King for fear it would get back to the South that the President was dealing with King. King told Rustin he thought they should put up a fight and instructed Rustin to get in touch with White and let him know that King feels the President is avoiding him. King told Rustin that he thought the President should know that King doesn't like it. King commented that the President needs the Negro vote and added "We have no way to go, but we can certainly stay home."

ACTION: We are advising the White House concerning King's comments to Rustin. We are following this matter closely and will keep you advised of pertinent developments.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, DETROIT (100-31418)  
SUBJECT: CIRM  
BUfile 100-3-116  
  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SM - C  
BUfile 100-106670

Re Atlanta airtel and radiogram dated 8/28/64, and Detroit teletype to Bureau, dated 8/28/64.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 10 copies of a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination concerning the appearance of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. in Detroit on 8/30/64. Enclosed for Atlanta are sufficient copies for dissemination to their respective files.

- 5 - Bureau (Enc. 10) (RM)  
    (3 - 100-3-116) (CIRM)  
    (1 - 100-106670) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)  
    (1 - 100-438794) (SCLC)  
3 - Atlanta (RM)  
    (1 - 100-8520A) (CIRM) (Enc. 1)  
    (1 - 100-5586) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.) (Enc. 1)  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Detroit, Michigan  
August 31, 1964

Re: Martin Luther King, Jr.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] advised that Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke at the Greater Macedonia Baptist Church, 8200 Mack Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, on August 30, 1964, between 12:30 PM and 2:00 PM.

[REDACTED] advised a huge overflow crowd, which he estimated to be approximately 4000 people, was present in the church and on the church grounds to hear King's speech.

[REDACTED] stated King's speech had no racial overtones and no mention was made of any racial disturbances either nationally or on the local scene.

[REDACTED] described the crowd as extremely orderly, older in appearance and practically one hundred percent Negro.

[REDACTED] stated King's introductory remarks consumed nearly one-third of the speech and dealt exclusively with his close kinship and affection for the people in the audience. [REDACTED] stated that during the course of King's speech, he made mention of his struggle during the Alabama bus boycott by the Negroes and in his concluding remarks stressed the importance of voting in the forthcoming presidential election.

[REDACTED] stated King did not advocate any specific candidate but commented that they should vote for the candidate who would treat the Negroes in the fairest manner.

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RE:

BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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August 31, 1964

1 - Mr. Trainor  
1 - Mr. Forsyth

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To: SAC, Newark

From: Director, FBI (100-106670)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

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from highly sensitive sources.

Insure that detailed information obtained from  
the indicated sources is furnished to the Bureau, as  
well as appropriate offices, and such that may be dis-  
seminated is included in a communication suitable for  
dissemination. This should be done notwithstanding the  
fact that daily summaries of such information were furnished  
to Assistant Director DeLoach.

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Date: August 27, 1964

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Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (100-23140)  
SUBJECT: CIRM  
~~Bufile 100-3-116~~  
New York File 100-151548  
Atlanta File 100-6520A

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Bufile 100-438794  
New York File 100-149194  
Atlanta File 100-5718

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Reference Atlanta airtel to the Bureau dated August 21, 1964.

By referenced airtel Atlanta requested Baltimore to determine subscriber to phone number 685-3500 and further identify one HENRY HARRINGTON (Phonetic), then at Baltimore, in Room Number 712, attempting to contact MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Unidentified caller advised KING's secretary that he was to meet with KING in Atlantic City during the coming weekend.

Investigation by Baltimore determined the phone number 685-3500 to be the main trunk line of Holiday Inn (Downtown), Baltimore, Maryland.

 advised that his records of registration and long-distance calls are presently

- (5) - Bureau (3 - ~~100-3-116~~) (CIRM) (REGISTERED MAIL)  
(1 - 100-438794) (SCLC)  
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2 - New York (1 - 100-151548) (CIRM) (REGISTERED MAIL)  
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3 - Atlanta (1 - 100-6520A) (CIRM) (REGISTERED MAIL)  
(1 - 100-5718) (SCLC)  
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going through a filing process which makes it virtually impossible to sort out specific registration cards for approximately two to three weeks. [REDACTED] stated the Holiday Inn (Downtown) has recently opened for business and inexperienced help makes the examination of records a herculean task at the moment. He volunteered to assist the contacting agent in securing desired information as soon as filing section has regulated itself for current business. b7(D)

The August 25, 1964, issue of Baltimore Afro-American reflected that the 39th Annual Convention of the National Bar Association was held at the Sheraton-Belvedere Hotel in Baltimore on August 20, 21 and 22, 1964. The group was addressed by W. AVERELL HARRIMAN, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, who represented President LYNDON B. JOHNSON, at the banquet on August 22, 1964. The Baltimore Convention was sponsored by the Monumental Bar Association of Maryland under leadership of W. EMERSON BROWN, JR.

Baltimore will check records as expeditiously as possible and set out appropriate leads for office covering area where HARRINGTON resides.

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

DATE: August 25, 1964

SUBJECT: RACIAL MATTERS  
1964 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION  
ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 12-2-80 BY SP4JPM

Mr. DeLoach called from Atlantic City at 10:40 a.m. today to advise that based upon information received from Walter Jenkins, also information from our informants, Martin Luther King, who is recognized as the champion of the Negro groups in Atlantic City, and the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party now has 13 votes lined up in the Credentials Committee. This means that the question of seating the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party will be brought to the floor of the Convention tonight.

The Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party only needs 11 votes in order to bring the question of seating their delegation to the Convention floor for a fight regarding this matter. Jenkins concedes they currently have 13. He is attempting this morning to have various Democratic heads talk to various members of the Credentials Committee and have them change their vote to not bring this question to a fight on the floor. He is of the opinion that he may be able to succeed.

The crucial point of the Convention insofar as possible violence is concerned will occur between 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. this afternoon. If the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party is not seated, then the unruly elements within the Negro groups will possibly attempt to demonstrate. If these groups are seated this, of course, will placate the Negroes, and there will be little consideration of violence. At the present time the Negro groups have no plans whatsoever as to what they will do if the event they are not seated. We will follow this matter closely and all informants have been alerted to keep on top of this situation.

ACTION:

For information. ✓

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Jones

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5:01 PM URGENT 8-28-64 LLB  
TO DIRECTOR  
FROM DETROIT 282132

CIRM

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; SM - C.

RE ATLANTA RAD TODAY.

DUE TO EXTREME DELICATE NATURE OF CAPTIONED MATTER,  
THIS OFFICE UACB CONTEMPLATES NO ACTION.

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If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

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Date: 8/25/64

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (~~100-3-116~~)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)  
SUBJECT: CIRM

CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL ATTACHED

ReNY teletype dated 8/22/64.

Enclosed are seven copies of a letterhead memorandum captioned and dated as above.

The source who furnished the information in the letterhead memorandum was [REDACTED] b(2) b(7)(D)

- 5-Bureau (100-3-116) (Encl. 7) (RM)
  - (1-100-106670) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)
  - (1-100-158790) (BAYARD RUSTIN)
- 2-Atlanta (100-6520-A) (CIRM) (Encl. 2) (Info) (RM)
  - (1-100-5586) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)
- 1-Newark (Info) (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 1-New York (100-136585) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.) (42)
- 1-New York (100-46729) (BAYARD RUSTIN) (42)
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As you will note, the NYO has added on the documentation of RUSTIN that BENJAMIN J. DAVIS died on 8/22/64.

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New York, New York  
August 25, 1964

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United States of America -  
Negro Question  
Communist Influence in  
Racial Matters  
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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on August 21, 1964, that he had learned that Bayard Rustin, Martin Luther King, Jr. (President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference) and Andrew Young (Executive Assistant to King) were in contact on that date. They took the opportunity to consider the Democratic National Convention (opening in Atlantic City, New Jersey, August 24, 1964) and whether Rustin thought King should attend.

Rustin advised King that he should appear tomorrow (August 22, 1964) at 2:00 p.m. and put up a fight to get them seated (Freedom Democratic Party delegates from Mississippi). After that, Rustin opined, it seemed that King might be in a position that he might not want to be in. In explaining to King and Young just what he meant, Rustin said that in the event President Johnson did something unacceptable to the "left youngsters", they would demonstrate.

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and if King were there, they would expect him to join them, and should he refuse, the press would ask for an explanation. Regardless of what King might say, Rustin said, it would be interpreted by them (youngsters) as harmful to their efforts. He said King should not be in that position, and that one way to prevent it was to leave tomorrow (August 22, 1964) after his appearance. X

In continuing, Rustin said if King were in Atlantic City and something should happen, people like Walter Reuther (President of the United Auto Workers and Vice President of the American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations, AFL-CIO) would ask his support in stopping the "youngsters" from doing "kookie things." For that reason, Rustin said, he (Rustin) would not go to the Convention. X

According to the source, Rustin told King and Young that he had been called by "youngsters" in Atlantic City, New Jersey, requesting that he call King and ask him to telegram Attorney General Robert Kennedy and request his support (in seating the delegates from the Freedom Democratic Party). In this regard, Rustin advised King to do whatever he could to strike a blow for freedom. X

King, Rustin said, should make his appearance at the meeting of the Credentials Committee on August 22, 1964, then he could return to New York City, to Atlanta, Georgia, or go any place he desired to go. In the event King desired X

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to return to the Convention he could consider going on Monday or Tuesday, Rustin stated, provided there was to be a peaceful demonstration to seat the delegates. In this regard, King said he had been assured by James Farmer of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) that demonstrations would be peaceful. To this, Rustin said Farmer did not have control of CORE, therefore, he could not control what happened. Rustin said this was because Farmer had given his "left wing" such freedom to do what they wanted, that nobody paid any attention to him. X

Furthermore, Rustin said that CORE had sent the biggest "kook" down to Atlantic City to organize demonstrations. According to the source, Rustin identified this person as Herb Callender (Chairman of the Bronx Chapter of CORE). X

Rustin told Andrew Young that he should attend the Convention to act as King's representative. This, Rustin said, would permit people to relay requests and messages to King through Young, who could then inform them that King was unavailable due to an accident. Rustin said King's injury might be the most fortunate thing to ever happen to King. King said he was using a crutch in order to get around. This prompted Rustin to advise King to go to Atlantic City on a crutch. By doing that, Rustin said, the people from the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee would interpret it as a great token. X

With regard to King's appearance before the Credentials Committee, Rustin told him that Joseph Rauh (Counsel to the United Auto Workers and counsel to the Freedom Democratic Party) would expect him to talk for about X

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fifteen minutes. Rustin told King to make a real emotional appeal for the Freedom Delegates and to read a statement which Andrew Young had prepared. The following is in essence what was contained therein: X

"That no state had gone to such extremes to prevent participation of Negro citizens in political life as the state of Mississippi," and enumerated such things as "literacy tests, economic reprisals, police intimidation and church burnings," to support the allegation, and said that "as a consequence, citizens of that state had come to the Convention in a moral appeal for recognition and representation in the Democratic Party. The seating of the delegation from the Freedom Party has political and moral significance far beyond the borders of Mississippi or the halls of the Convention, for there the very idea of representative government is at stake." In conclusion, the statement urged the seating and recognition of the Freedom Democratic Party delegates. X

Rustin, the source said, was highly complimentary of the statement, but instructed Young to add the following: "that all who love democracy and freedom, nothing was so symbolic as whether the right decision was made to seat the delegates." X

King told Rustin that since neither he nor Rustin would be in Atlantic City during the Convention, they should try to get together in New York City to discuss what they planned to do before the election. X



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The same confidential source advised on August 22, 1964, that Bayard Rustin was in contact with one Cortland (ph) on that date. Rustin told Cortland that Martin Luther King was going to appear before the Credentials Committee of the Democratic Party on that date, to present his testimony. X

Rustin said King was also willing to send a telegram to Attorney General Kennedy (seeking his moral support in seating the delegation from the Freedom Democratic Party). In light of that, Cortland read the following telegram which was to be sent in the name of King to Kennedy: X

"Four years after the Convention in which your brother took up the fight for full civil rights throughout the United States, we call upon you to carry that fight forward by voicing your support for the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party. Your experience as Attorney General has made you the man in the country who is most aware of the moral imperative to support the Mississippians in their serious effort to change the human condition. Your voice on this issue would carry a great moral and political weight in favor of a democratic decision on the floor of the Convention. Your statement of support will encourage all who work for the liberal cause in both the North and the South. X

Rustin approved the statement and told Cortland to release it from the office of the Freedom Party in Atlantic City, New Jersey, when the right opportunity arose. X

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Enclosed herewith are 7 copies of a letterhead memorandum captioned and dated as above.

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On August 19, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Bayard Rustin and Rachelle Horowitz (a confidante of Rustin's) were in contact on that date. According to the source, they discussed a meeting which took place on that date in Washington, D.C., between several civil rights leaders and President Lyndon Johnson. Among those in attendance, according to Rustin were: A. Philip Randolph (President, Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations, AFL-CIO), James Farmer (National Director of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE)), "someone from the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, SNCC (John Lewis, Chairman of SNCC), and the whole gang except for Martin Luther King".

Rustin, in commenting on what transpired during the meeting, said he learned that President Johnson did just what Joseph Rauh (Vice-President of the Americans for Democratic Action (ADA) and the attorney for the Democratic Freedom Party) said he would do, "talked for fifteen minutes on all they had done and all the Party (Democratic) was planning to do". Rustin said that for the last fifteen minutes, President Johnson had charts showing how the white back lash was growing.

Rustin, the source advised, castigated James Farmer for not speaking out on the Mississippi Freedom Party, and described the meeting as a "fiasco".

According to the source, Rustin remarked that he was glad "we" talked King out of it (attending the meeting).

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The same confidential source advised on August 19, 1964, that Rustin and Tom Kahn conferred on that date. Rustin told Kahn about the meeting which transpired on that date between the President and civil rights leaders. He said nobody dared mention the demonstrations (apparently referring to planned demonstrations of civil rights organizations at the Democratic Convention) or efforts to seat the delegation representing the Freedom Party from Mississippi. X

Rustin related that A. Philip Randolph had told him that he was sorry he had wasted his time by attending, and was sorry Rustin had not gotten hold of him in time to stop him. X

Later during the day of August 19, 1964, the same source advised that Rustin conferred with one Lucy (Last Name Unknown) (believed by the source to be a reporter for the "New York Post"). Rustin told her that Martin Luther King was in town (New York City) on that date, and that "we" are working on his testimony (before the Platform Committee of the Democratic Party). X

Lucy, the source related, asked Rustin how deeply committed were the state delegations that say they are going to support the Freedom Democratic Party at the Democratic National Convention. X

Rustin, in answering, said he was of the opinion that they were committed until the President made clear what he wants done. He said he thought many of them would fall by the wayside. He said the "inside story" was that a number of President Johnson's advisors were for seating both delegations from Mississippi or neither; but that President Johnson, to save what he could of the South, wanted to get away with seating regulars and doing X

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nothing about the delegates representing the Freedom Democratic Party.

In continuing their conference, Lucy asked what transpired during the meeting in Washington between the President and the civil rights leaders. In reply, Rustin said the Freedom Democratic Party was not discussed, and said he preferred not to say why the meeting was held. X

With regard to King, Rustin said he sent a strong telegram to the President which the source said, in substance was as follows: X

"That it was obvious that a denial of voting and political representation had occurred in the state of Mississippi which had excluded and ignored Negro citizens of that state. That was a problem to which the Freedom Democratic Party had sought to address itself in the most lawful, orderly, disciplined and democratic means open to them." King, the telegram said, went on to say that he stood behind the efforts of the Freedom Democratic Party and must do everything in his power to urge the seating of their delegates at the Democratic National Convention in Atlantic City, New Jersey. In conclusion, King requested an opportunity to discuss the matter with the President. X

According to the source, Lucy and Rustin discussed what, if any, pressure the President might be receiving as to the seating of the Freedom Party delegates. Rustin said it was generally felt among liberals that President Johnson should seat both delegations from Mississippi and then split the vote. He said the President was resisting this method in order to hold remnants from the South. X

With regard to the makeup of the Credentials Committee of the Democratic Party, Rustin said he was not X



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supposed to tell her, but that "off the record, King, Wilkins, Joseph Rauh and Aaron Henry (the head of the Freedom Party delegation) would appear before the Committee". Also, Rustin said, "off the record, Reuther (Walter) was among those working for both delegations being seated." X

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A characterization of the YSL appears in the Appendix attached hereto.

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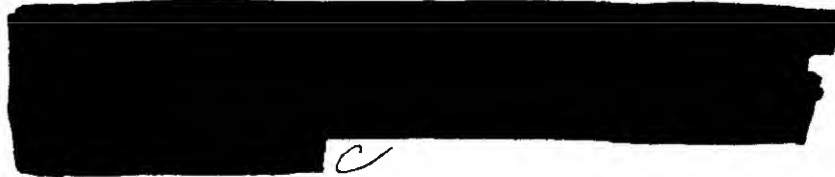
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YOUNG SOCIALIST LEAGUE (YSL)

The March 1, 1954, issue of the "Young Socialist Challenge," published as page three of "Labor Action," an official publication of the Independent Socialist League (ISL), contained an article concerning the creation of the YSL, which pointed out that at a unity conference occurring February 12-14, 1954, at Labor Action Hall, New York, New York, a merger occurred between the Young People's Socialist League (YPSL) and the Socialist Youth League (SYL). The new organization was named the YSL.

A confidential informant on June 15, 1954, made available the minutes of the YSL's National Action Committee meeting of April 13, 1954, which reflected that one S. SITEMAN, "Chairman of SP (Socialist Party) Youth Committee," had objected to a statement appearing in "Commerce," a New York University journal, which indicated that the YPSL merged with the SYL to form the YSL. He explained that the YPSL did not merge with anyone, that it continued to exist as the youth section of the Socialist Party. He explained that a small group of the YPSL was dropped, expelled, or suspended from that organization and joined the SYL, which he characterized as the youth group of the "Trotskyite ISL." He explained that after these few former members of the YPSL joined the SYL, the SYL then proceeded to change its name for its own purposes.

On April 9, 1956, another confidential informant advised as follows:

The YSL has frequently worked in close sympathetic cooperation with the ISL toward similar objectives, although each major issue given mutual consideration is decided upon by these organizations individually. The YSL serves as an apprenticeship for the ISL, but ISL selection of members from YSL ranks is made on an individual and personal basis. In many instances YSL members are also members of the ISL.

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YOUNG SOCIALIST LEAGUE (YSL) CONT'D.

The YSL and ISL utilize the same printing house in New York City and the YSL publication is printed as an insert in "Labor Action." Frequently, lecturers before the YSL are ISL members.

The September 22, 1958, issue of "Young Socialist Challenge," which appeared as page five of "Labor Action," contained an undated statement from the National Action Committee of the YSL which indicated that the YSL had been dissolved. The statement appeared under the caption "Join the Young Peoples Socialist League."

The YPSL is publicly known as the youth affiliate of the Socialist Party-Social Democratic Federation.

This document contains information relating to the activities of the YSL in the U.S.A.

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Mr. Burke Marshall  
Assistant Attorney General

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Director, FBI

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LETTER QUESTIONING PROTECTION  
AFFORDED DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING  
ON JULY 24, 1964, BY FBI AGENTS

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I am returning herewith the letter dated July 28, 1964, from Lawrence A. Rainey, Sheriff of Neshoba County, Mississippi, which was referred to you by the White House. You will note that this letter is a copy of a communication which Sheriff Rainey wrote to me. In it, Sheriff Rainey questions the authority by which FBI Agents furnished protection to Dr. Martin Luther King during his July 24, 1964, visit in Philadelphia, Mississippi.

Sheriff Rainey is a suspect in the case entitled "Unknown Subjects; Michael Henry Schwerner; Andrew Goodman; James Earl Chaney--Victims, Civil Rights." He has displayed a hostile, uncooperative attitude toward the FBI and has engaged in a campaign of harassment against our Agents. In view of these facts, I did not dignify Sheriff Rainey's letter with a reply when the original was received by me.

FBI Agents were, of course, on hand throughout Dr. Martin Luther King's visit in Philadelphia, Mississippi. They performed this assignment at the instruction of the President after information had been received indicating that an attempt might be made on Dr. King's life during his stay in Mississippi.

Based upon Sheriff Rainey's past actions, it may be anticipated that he will attempt to misuse any reply to his July 28, 1964, letter that he might receive from either the Department or the White House. Accordingly, I feel the best course of action is to ignore his inquiry.

Enclosure

- 1 -- Mr. DeLoach (sent with cover memo)
- 1 - Mr. Belmont (sent with cover memo)
- 1 - Mr. Rosen (sent with cover memo)
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan (sent with cover memo)

NOTE: See M. A. Jones to DeLoach memo of 8-17-64 captioned "Visit of Dr. Martin Luther King to Philadelphia, Mississippi."

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Al:

Could you informally give me any guidance as to how I should answer our good friend, the Sheriff?

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*Memo, from to DeLoach, 8/17/64  
Memos to Burke Marshall of  
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# THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

## ROUTE SLIP

(To remain with correspondence)

Date: ..... August 3, 1964 .....

TO: Mr. Joe Dolan, Department of Justice

Prompt handling is essential. Correspondence should be answered or other necessary action taken within 48 hours after arrival at the department or agency. If any delay is encountered, please telephone office of the undersigned.

Please handle the attached correspondence as indicated below:

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- (1) For background briefing on which to base reply from this office .....
- (2) For suitable acknowledgement or other appropriate handling ..... XX
- (3) For your information .....
- (4) For comment .....

Furnish this office with a copy of your reply. Yes ..... No XX

Return the original correspondence to this office. Yes ..... No XX

REMARKS: Copy of letter to J. Edgar Hoover, FBI, from Lawrence A. Rainey, Sheriff of Neshoba County, Miss., 7-28-64, wanting to know by what authority FBI agents were assigned to protect Martin Luther King on his visit to Philadelphia, Miss.

*H.T.*

By direction of the President:

Hobart Taylor, Jr.  
Associate Counsel  
to the President

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13	DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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July 28, 1964

MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

Dear Sir:

On your recent visit to the State of Mississippi you made a statement that the FBI was an investigating force and not a police force, and that your organization could not protect the Rights Workers and other such workers.

On July 24, 1964, Martin Luther King, a person upon whom there appears to be substantial evidence to support the fact that he is a communist, arrived in the City of Philadelphia, Mississippi, at approximately 3:30 P.M. From the time he arrived until the time of his departure King was given full FBI protection which consisted of approximately 20 to 24 FBI agents which were with him at all times. We believe that the protection of King could have been adequately handled by state and local law enforcement officers. As a citizen of this county and as a public official of our county, I am very interested in finding out by what authority you were authorized to give such protection to King. Your kind consideration in answering this inquiry will be appreciated.

*Lawrence A. Rainey*  
LAWRENCE A. RAINEY

SHERIFF OF NESHOBIA COUNTY, MISSISSI

cc: PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON

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SUBJECT: CIRM  
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MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.  
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 BUfile 100-106670  
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MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.,  
SPEAKS IN PHILADELPHIA,  
AUGUST 10, 1964

The Philadelphia Inquirer, a daily newspaper, in its issue of August 11, 1964, page 2, contained an article captioned "King Calls Violence Futile". This article reflected that Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, described as "apostle of non-violent resistance in the civil rights field", told 3,000 Negro college women Monday night, August 10, 1964, that violence and war are obsolete in the nuclear age.

KING addressed the 41st meeting of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority in Irvine Auditorium at the University of Pennsylvania. He condemned the recent rioting in Harlem and Rochester, N. Y. He stated that violence is not only immoral but also impractical. He stated, however, that so long as there is segregation and discrimination the causes of violence will remain present.

He called for "massive programs" to rid the nation of its Negro ghettos.

KING stressed love as the chief means of ending segregation. He stated that Negroes "can love the oppressor while hating the action of oppression". In regard to the 1964 Presidential Election, KING stated "If it is GOLDWATER in '64, it will be hot water in '65, bread and water in '66, and no water at all in '67".

He urged increased Negro voter registrations.

The Philadelphia Inquirer also carried an article on the same page stating that CECIL B. MOORE, President of the Philadelphia Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, stated Monday, August 10, 1964, that public

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SPEAKS IN PHILADELPHIA,  
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discussion has increased the likelihood of racial riots in Philadelphia.

MOORE referred to recent statements made by the Philadelphia Executive Director of the Urban League plus statements made by Judge RAYMOND PACE ALEXANDER.

According to the Philadelphia representative of the Urban League, Philadelphia is a "racial tinderbox". Judge ALEXANDER disagreed stating that Philadelphia "built-in safeguards in the form of a number of private and public agencies".

The September 17, 1931, issue of the "Moscow News", an English language Communist newspaper published in Moscow, Russia, carried an article captioned "Communism Is the Only Hope of the Negro People" which is set out in part below.

"Soviet Russia is the only country that offers liberty and equality to all people black and white. When I go home to America, I shall tell my people, the Negroes, that their salvation lies in Communism.' This from Raymond Pace Alexander and his young wife, both attorneys from Philadelphia now in Moscow. 'There has been a tremendous Negro movement toward Communism in the past few years,' Alexander declared. 'Our people have been coming to us asking us questions about Socialism, anxious to know if the Socialist government in Russia was as it was painted. I came to find out so that I could give them firsthand information. I shall tell them that Communism offers the only government of the masses.' Alexander, a graduate of Harvard University, has been President of the National Bar Association of America, the only national association for Negro lawyers, for the past two years."

The November 30, 1946, edition of the Philadelphia "Afro-American", a twice-weekly Negro newspaper published in Philadelphia, carried an article captioned "Civil Rights Unit to be Formed Here". The article said that a two day conference to organize a Philadelphia chapter of the Civil Rights Congress would be held December 13-14, 1946. The article stated that RAYMOND PACE ALEXANDER, Attorney, would serve as chairman during a luncheon meeting on December 14, 1946, at the Adelphia Hotel, 13th and Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia, Pa.

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SPEAKS IN PHILADELPHIA,  
AUGUST 10, 1964

The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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that a dinner was held June 7, 1958, at the China Village, 917 Race Street, Philadelphia, in celebration of the victory of the Philadelphia Smith Act defendants. During the dinner, JOSEPH ROBERTS, one of the Smith Act defendants and a former CP official in Philadelphia, said that he wished to thank everyone who had assisted the Philadelphia Smith Act defendants in gaining their freedom. Among those specifically named was RAYMOND PACE ALEXANDER.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach DATE: 8-17-64

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: VISIT OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING  
TO PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI

## BACKGROUND:

Late last month, Sheriff Lawrence A. Rainey and Judge Leonard E. Warren of Neshoba County, Mississippi, wrote practically identical letters to the Bureau inquiring as to the Bureau's authority for furnishing "full FBI protection" to Martin Luther King during King's visit in Philadelphia, Mississippi, on July 24th.

As you know, FBI protection was extended to King as a result of an order issued by the President; and information had been received indicating that an attempt upon King's life might be made while he was in Mississippi.

Neither the letter received from Judge Warren nor the one from Sheriff Rainey was acknowledged.

## RECENT DEVELOPMENT:

The Civil Rights Division of the Department has now forwarded to the Bureau a copy of the letter which Rainey wrote to the Director. This copy of Rainey's letter was originally sent to the White House; and the White House referred it to the Department on August 3rd "for suitable acknowledgement or other appropriate handling." The Department has asked the Bureau for informal guidance as to how to answer Sheriff Rainey.

Rainey is, of course, a principal suspect in the MIBURN case (disappearance and murders of the three civil rights workers whose bodies were found outside Philadelphia, Mississippi, on August 4, 1964). He has displayed a hostile and uncooperative attitude toward the Bureau; and his letter inquiring concerning the protection given to Martin Luther King obviously is merely a harassing tactic.

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The Jackson Office has advised that in view of Sheriff Rainey's openly hostile attitude and in view of the fact that he is a principal suspect in the MIBURN

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8-17-64

M. A. Jones to DeLoach Memo  
Re: DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING

case, our Agents in Philadelphia did not tell Rainey about the alleged threat against King's life when King visited Philadelphia last month.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached memorandum be sent the Civil Rights Division of the Department suggesting that Sheriff Rainey's letter not be acknowledged since Rainey is a suspect in the MIBURN case and since Rainey has adopted a hostile, uncooperative attitude.

*W. J. Jones* *DeLoach* *W. J. Jones* *W. J. Jones* *W. J. Jones*

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Redondo Beach, California

Dear [REDACTED]

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Your letter of August 18th has been received.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I trust you will understand my inability to be of aid.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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August 18, 1964

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In my church work and from most things I read & hear Martin Luther King is one of the more stable and responsible negro leaders. Yet in other publications and two of our local ministers say he is a communist or at best a fellow traveler - I am confused -

Could you please tell me the truth---

Sincerely,

  
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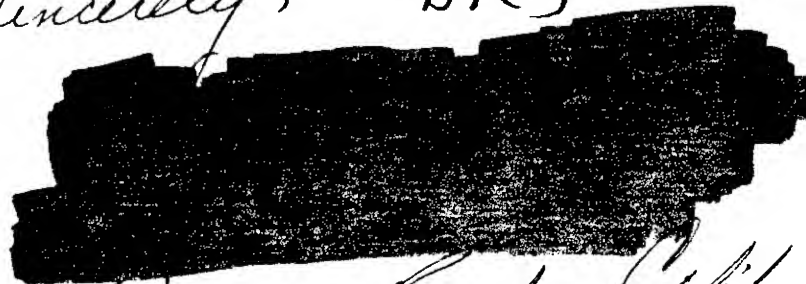
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Attached Phoenix teletype reveals that subject, who is in custody of the Tucson, Arizona, Police Department on a loitering charge and being held in lieu of \$10,000 bond for armed robbery, Los Angeles, California, advised Tucson Police Department that subsequent to 7-18-64 while in Washington, D. C., he attempted to assassinate President Johnson. He alleged he went to the White House on 3 occasions, aimed .22 caliber revolver at silhouette of man near window, second floor, White House, but did not shoot as interrupted by pedestrians on street. This information has been furnished to the Secret Service, Phoenix, Arizona, which will interview subject regarding this allegation as well as to [REDACTED], Secret Service,

on 8-25-64.

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TELETYPE

FBI WASH DC

FBI PHOENIX

5:21 PM MST URGENT 8-25-64 DLL 6070

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, PHOENIX 3P

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ALLEGED ATTEMPT TO

ASSASINATE PRESIDENT JOHNSON.

REPORTER FOR THE TUCSON DAILY CITIZEN, NEWSPAPER, TUCSON, ARIZONA, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED PHOENIX OFFICE TODAY STATING HE HAD INFORMATION THAT [REDACTED] WAS IN CUSTODY OF TUCSON POLICE DEPARTMENT AND HAD MADE STATEMENTS TO EFFECT THAT HE, [REDACTED] HAD ATTEMPTED TO ASSASINATE PRESIDENT JOHNSON.

[REDACTED] TUCSON PD, ADVISED [REDACTED] WAS ARRESTED ON AUGUST TWENTY ONE LAST ON LOITERING CHARGE. SUBSEQUENT INTERVIEW HAD WITH HIM BY PD PERSONNEL ON AUGUST TWENTY FIVE, [REDACTED] ADMITTED TO ARMED ROBBERY IN LOS ANGELES. THIS CHARGE HAS BEEN VERIFIED AND [REDACTED] IS BEING HELD FOR LOS ANGELES AUTHORITIES IN LIEU OF TEN THOUSAND DOLLAR BOND.

DURING INTERVIEW BY TUCSON PD [REDACTED] STATED [REDACTED] WAS RELEASED FROM ILLINOIS STATE PENITENTIARY WHERE HE SERVED SENTENCE FOR ARMED ROBBERY. [REDACTED] VAGUE AS TO DATES OR PLACES, HOWEVER, HE CLAIMS THAT AFTER HE LEFT ILLINOIS HE WENT

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By: [Signature]  
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TO NEW YORK CITY WHERE HE FOUND A TWENTY TWO CALIBRE REVOLVER ON SEAT OF AN AUTOMOBILE. HE COMMITTED AN ARMED ROBBERY AT NYC AND THEN WENT TO WASHINGTON, D. C. WHILE IN WASHINGTON HE MET AND HAD FIGHT WITH FOUR NEGROES, ONE OF WHOM HE SHOT AND ONE OF WHOM HE STABBED. THIS ALTERCATION AGGRAVATED HIM TO THE EXTENT THAT HE DECIDED TO ASSASINATE PRESIDENT JOHNSON. HE WENT TO THE WHITE HOUSE AND ON THREE OCCASIONS AIMED THE REVOLVER AT A SILHOUETTE OF A MAN WHO APPEARED NEAR A WINDOW ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE EAST WING OF THE WHITE HOUSE. HE CLAIMS THE ONLY REASON HE DID NOT SHOOT WAS THAT HE WAS INTERRUPTED BY PEDESTRIANS ON THE STREET. [REDACTED] CLAIMS HE LEFT WASHINGTON AND WENT TO ST AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA, WITH THE INTENTION OF KILLING MARTIN LUTHER KING, HOWEVER, KING WAS NOT IN FLORIDA. SUBSEQUENTLY HE WENT TO KINGSTON, TENN., THEN TO TEXAS, HITCHHIKING INTO LOS ANGELES WHERE HE MET UP WITH INDIVIDUALS WITH WHOM HE PULLED AN ARMED ROBBERY ON WHICH CHARGE HE IS NOW BEING HELD BY TUCSON PD AS A FUGITIVE. b7(c)

CONTACT HAS BEEN HAD WITH [REDACTED] SAC, SECRET SERVICE, PHOENIX, WHO ADVISES HE WILL INTERVIEW [REDACTED] RE ALLEGED ATTEMPT TO ASSASINATE PRESIDENT JOHNSON. NO FURTHER ACTION BEING  
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TAKEN BY PHOENIX OTHER THAN SUBMISSION OF LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM  
TO BUREAU FOR DISSEMINATION AND DISSEMINATION OF LHM TO SECRET  
SERVICE, PHOENIX.

IN THE EVENT FURTHER PRESS INQUIRY RECEIVED THEY WILL BE  
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Pompano Beach, Fla.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

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Enclosed you will find the copy of a letter sent  
to the students of Springfield College in Springfield, Mass.

My nephew attends Springfield, and his Mother  
sent the letter to me.

To me it seemed a very peculiar letter for a man  
who was in charge of the "Spiritual Needs" of the students to  
send out, so I xeroxed it, and sent it to several friends.

One wrote back that she felt you should have a  
look at this letter.

Undoubtedly there is nothing amiss, but  
the first address my nephew ever heard at Springfield was about  
"The New Breed"

Liberal Education seems to enjoy seeing how far  
left it can go, and when Martin Luther King Jr. was selected for  
their Commencement Exercises it seemed a shame, but who am I to  
say anything, because Martin L. K. Jr. is going to receive the Nobel  
Peace Prize, I hear.

There is no need to acknowledge or comment  
on this letter; you are a busy man, but thought you might like to  
see it.

Mr. Hoover, please take care of yourself, because  
I am just one of the Millions of people in this Country that can  
sleep, because we know you are in charge of the F.B.I.

May God richly bless you and yours for your  
great service to America

Sincerely,

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## SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE

SPRINGFIELD 9, MASSACHUSETTS

Dear Springfield College Student:

July 8, 1964

I hope you are having a pleasant summer, finding both refreshment and relaxation in whatever you are doing. I am sorry that you were unable to hear the address which Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. gave at the Commencement exercise. Dr. King spoke directly and eloquently about the problems of war, of poverty, of ignorance, and of racial injustice. He began by saying:

"Most of you have read that interesting little sketch by Washington Irving entitled "Rip Van Winkle." The one thing that we remember about this story probably more than anything else is the fact that Rip Van Winkle slept 20 years. But there is another point in that story that is almost always completely overlooked. It was the sign on the Inn in the little town on the Hudson from which Rip went up into the mountain for his long sleep. When he went up, the sign had a picture of King George the Third of England. When he came down, it had a picture of George Washington, the first President of the United States. And when Rip looked up at the picture of George Washington, he was amazed. He was completely lost. He knew not who he was. This incident suggests that the most striking thing about the story of Rip Van Winkle is not merely that he slept 20 years, but that he slept through a revolution. While he was peacefully snoring up in the mountains a great revolution was taking place in the world, a revolution that in many points would change the face of the whole world, and Rip knew nothing about it. He was asleep. He slept through a revolution."

An important thing has happened in our nation since summer vacation began. It is the passage, the reality of a strong and hopefully effective Civil Rights law. And yet a law which calls for justice will have little or no effect on the world if we are guilty of sleeping through a revolution.

I do not write this letter to tell you how you must act, but only to add my voice to the plea of Martin Luther King: that you not spend this summer sleeping through a revolution. There are many constructive actions in behalf of improving race relations which you might consider during the summer months. In communities all over the United States there are projects for Voter Registration. These projects are aimed at informing the American public of the opportunities for voting and the means for registration. An informed and voting nation is the best guarantee of our freedoms. Call the local League of Women Voters or local Civil Rights organization or local churches to find out how you might be involved. Many communities are carrying on programs of educational tutoring for poorly educated and culturally deprived children and adults. Your skills may be needed in the war against ignorance. Equipping your minds with the facts, not the fancies, about civil and human rights is a responsibility you hold as an educated person and as a citizen. There are many opportunities available for opening your mind to such concerns during the summer months in your own communities.

Have a pleasant summer, but for your own sake and for the sake of the world, do not sleep through a revolution.

Sincerely,

*Robert R. Parschage*  
Robert R. Parschage  
College Chaplain and  
Instructor in Religion

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RE:

BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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ReWFOairtel 8/19/64.

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advised SA [REDACTED] that MARTIN LUTHER KING checked out of the Shoreham at 1:27 p.m., 8/20/64. Forwarding address is 334 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia. KING occupied a single room, A-507, and there were no additional charges or toll calls.

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AIR MAIL - REGISTERED

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)  
FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-24345)  
RE : CIRM

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SM - C

Re Los Angeles airtel to the Bureau, 8/19/64.

An article appeared in the 8/19/64 issue of "The Daily Enterprise," a Riverside, California daily newspaper concerning KING's proposed forthcoming visit to Riverside, California.

The article quotes BARNETT GRIER, chairman for KING's appearance, as stating, "It looks extremely doubtful" that KING would be able to attend. GRIER states in the article the invitation was sent to KING in the belief he would be on the west coast next month (September, 1964), but it has since been learned he would not be in this area and would not be able to accept the invitation.

Matter will be followed through sources and if any change develops, Bureau will be advised.

- ⑥ - Bureau (100-3-116) (100-106670)  
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2 - Los Angeles (100-24345)  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)

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Re New York telephone call of Supervisor [redacted] to Bureau, 8/18/64, and teletype of 8/19/64.

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Enclosed herewith are seven copies of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above.

The sources who furnished the information used in the letterhead memorandum were [redacted] that order.

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Approved: [Signature] Special Agent in Charge

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This letterhead memorandum is classified "Secret" because it contains information from [REDACTED]. This source has furnished highly sensitive information with respect to the racial situation in the New York area and the Communist infiltration thereof, and it is felt that this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable position of the informant in furnishing information of this nature.

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Re: Communist Party, United States  
of America - Negro Question  
Communist Influence In Racial Matters  
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On August 13, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised he learned that Bayard Rustin and Lee White (White House Assistant) conferred on that date. Rustin was informed by White that the President was agreeable to a meeting after 10:00 AM, on August 19, 1964. ~~X~~

It is noted that the same confidential source advised on August 13, 1964, that the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), was desirous of meeting with President Johnson and had requested an appointment.

In continuing their conference, White informed Rustin that the President had broadened the group with which he would meet, to include the top leadership in the civil rights movement. He said those who would definitely attend the meeting in addition to King were: James Farmer (National Director of the Congress of Racial Equality, CORE), and Roy Wilkins (Executive Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, NAACP). In addition, the following ~~X~~

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would be invited: A. Philip Randolph (President, Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations, AFL-CIO), Whitney Young (Executive Secretary of the National Urban League) and John Lewis (Chairman of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, SNCC).X

According to the source, Rustin was told by White that the meeting would be "off the record", and requested that no announcement be made concerning it.X

Rustin told White that he would see to it that King made the plane that arrives in Washington, D.C., at 9:30 AM, August 19, 1964.X

According to the source, Rustin inquired of White if he (Rustin) was invited to the meeting with King and others, prompting White to advise in the negative. He said only those in leadership were being asked to attend.X

Rustin told White that he had desired to accompany King because he had a "bit" of influence with the younger people, many of whom were preparing a situation in Atlantic City (Democratic National Convention), which "we are trying to stop". He said were he to attend, it would be most helpful in the office he was setting up in Atlantic City.X

The same confidential source advised on August 18, 1964, that Rustin and Joseph L. Rauh (Counsel to the United Auto Workers, AFL-CIO, and Vice President of the Americans for Democratic Action, and attorney for the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party) conferred on that date. Rustin told him that he had made plans for himself and Martin Luther King to meet with the President, but that the President had changed the arrangement to include other civil rights leaders.X

Rauh said he was of the opinion that the President was going to take the opportunity to inform the leaders how much he had done for them, and that "they must undermine the Freedom Democratic Party". Rauh said the President would tell just what all had been accomplished, then "float" into the Freedom Party issue.X



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Continuing, Rauh said the only solution was to seat both delegations (the regular Democratic delegates from Mississippi and the delegates from the Freedom Party). If the President refuses, Rauh said, "then he is looking for trouble". X

Rauh said he was of the opinion that President Johnson would agree to seat both delegations if King told him there would be an "explosion if he did not". He said it all depended upon King and how forceful he was. King, Rauh said, "should just grab the ball and say you've got to seat them both, Mr. President". X

Rustin said he was of the opinion that it was more serious than that, "because if they are not, all kinds of elements are coming in with CORE to really raise heck down there" (Democratic Convention). X

Rauh said James Farmer had already announced that CORE's demonstration would be the largest demonstration of the summer. X

Rustin said he did not see how trouble could be avoided at the Convention unless the President decided to seat both delegations from Mississippi. He added that in the event the President does refuse, his advice to King would be that he leave there on Saturday and not return (apparently referring to King's appearance at the Platform Committee of the Democratic Party). X

The same confidential source advised on August 18, 1964, that Rustin was in conference with Cleveland Robinson (Secretary-Treasurer of Local 65, Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union, AFL-CIO) on that date. Rustin told Robinson that he had doubts in his mind as to the advisability of Martin Luther King attending the meeting with the President scheduled for tomorrow (August 19, 1964). Rustin said the things which raised doubts in his mind were: X

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That President Johnson had "men" all over the country working to get all the delegations that are agreed to the seating of the Mississippi delegation (Freedom Democratic Party delegates) to pass new resolutions; that he (the President) also had a personal interview with Roy Wilkins on Sunday (August 16, 1964); and that the President intended to spend only twenty minutes with the leaders with whom he will meet. ~~X~~

Robinson said the position "for the time being" had to be that King could not make the meeting with the group. He said King had requested a personal meeting with the President, and he must tell the President that what he wanted to say has to be said alone. ~~X~~

According to the same confidential source, Rustin and Martin Luther King were in contact on August 18, 1964, during which time Rustin informed him of his earlier conference with Joseph Rauh. The contact, the source said, concerned what Rustin had learned from Rauh about the meeting scheduled with the President on August 19, 1964. ~~X~~

After hearing Rustin's comments, King agreed to consider further whether he should attend the meeting. ~~X~~

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Rauh, according to the source, said the telegram was marvelous and confirmed that it went out last night. He also congratulated Rustin on the manner in which he had handled it. X

Rauh asked Rustin about leaking it (the telegram), prompting Rustin to remark that King was going to Washington on August 19, 1964, and was prepared to read the telegram if asked about the meeting or what the President said. X

The same source advised on August 19, 1964, that he had learned that Rustin and King were leaving New York City on that date for Washington, D.C., where King would testify before the Democratic platform committee. X

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RE:

BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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August 19, 1964

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AIR MAIL - REGISTERED

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)  
FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-24345)  
RE : CIRM  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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Article appeared 8/7/64, in "The Press," Riverside, California daily newspaper which reflects MARTIN LUTHER KING had been extended invitation to speak in Riverside, California. The article reflects KING's appearance was tentatively set for September, but no date had been set until KING's acceptance and other arrangements were worked out.

The invitation was extended by the Riverside chapter of the NAACP, and indicated KING would speak on civil rights. GAY CAROLINE, president of the Riverside NAACP, was quoted as saying, "He (KING) will not be here to protest anything."

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No letterhead memorandum is being submitted at this time in view of the indefinite nature of the invitation.

Copy of the airtel is being furnished to Atlanta for information.



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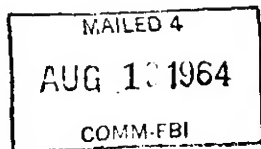
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I have received your letter of August 14th, with  
enclosure.

Pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice,  
information contained in the files of the FBI is confidential and is  
available for official use only. For this reason, I am sure you will  
understand why it is not possible for me to comment in the manner  
you requested.

I am enclosing literature I trust will be of interest  
to you. You may also wish to refer to my books, "Masters of  
Deceit" and "A Study of Communism." The former was written  
with the hope that it would help Americans gain an insight into the  
true nature of the communist conspiracy in this country. The latter  
contains an analysis of international communist practices and con-  
trasts totalitarian methods with life in a free country. These books  
may be available at your local library.



Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)  
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!  
Communism and The Knowledge To Combat It!  
Do You Really Understand Communism?  
Shall It Be Law or Tyranny?  
The Communist Party Line

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent.

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J. Edgar Hoover  
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Washington D. C.

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Mr. Hoover;

Enclosed is a shocking picture which I came across.  
I would appreciate it if you would clarify this picture  
for me.

- 1-Is this picture correct in all aspects?
- 2-Is Martin Luther King a Communist?
- 3-Was there such a school in existence and why  
was it allowed to operate?
- 4-Does Martin Luther King belong to 60 Communist  
front organizations--more than any Communist in  
the United States?
- 5-Was Martin Luther King promoted and encouraged by  
the Kennedys?
- 6-Why isn't the public notified of such schools and  
known Communists?
- 7-Why are these known Communist allowed to walk  
our streets beside free men?

I am a very disturbed American at such events. I would  
appreciate an answer to ALL my questions in detail as soon  
as it is convenient.

Sincerely,

  
Alameda, California

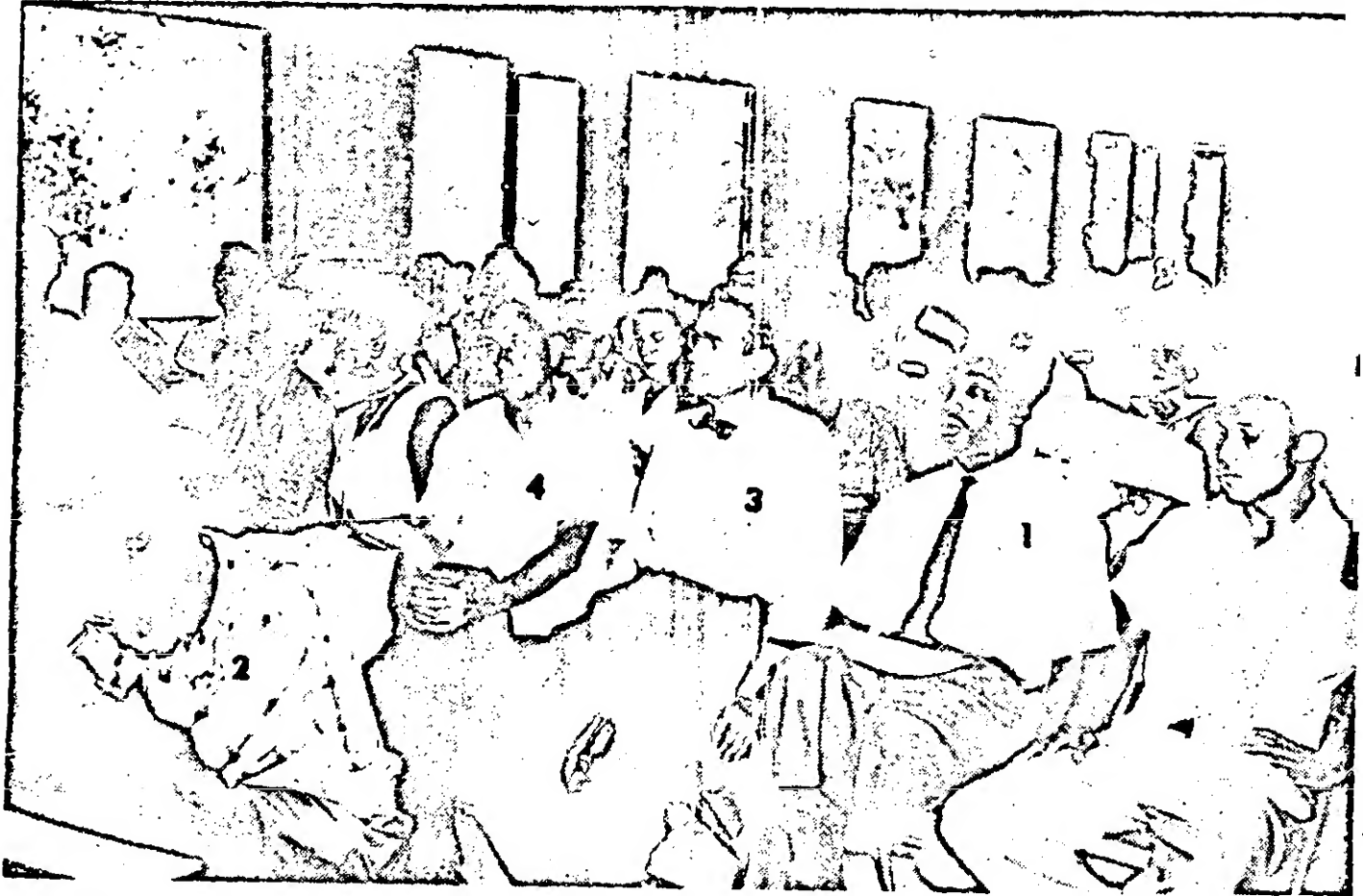
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# MARTIN LUTHER KING....A COMMUNIST TRAINING SCHOOL



The above picture was made by an employee of the State of Georgia, at the Highlander Folk School in Monteagle, Tennessee during the Labor Day week-end of 1957. The photographer was sent to the Highlander Folk School by the Georgia Commission on Education. The Highlander Folk School was abolished by an act of the Legislature of the State of Tennessee at a later date because it was charged with being a subversive organization.

Those numbered in the picture are:

1. Martin Luther King, Jr., of the Montgomery boycott and the Birmingham riots. Karl Prussion, a counterspy for the FBI for twenty-two years, charges that Martin Luther King belongs to sixty Communist-front organizations — more than any Communist in the United States. He is promoted and encouraged by the Kennedys.
2. Abner W. Berry of the Central Committee of the Communist Party.
3. Aubrey Williams, President of the Southern Conference Education Fund, Inc., The Transmission Belt in the South for the Communist Party.
4. Myles Horton, Director of Highlander Folk School for Communist Training, Monteagle, Tennessee.

These "Four Horsemen" of racial agitation have brought tension, disturbance, strife and violence in their advancement of the Communist doctrine of "racial nationalism."

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**FROM: SAC, WFO**

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**ReAttel 8/14/64, re travel plans of MARTIN  
LUTHER KING, JR.**

[REDACTED] advised KING checked into  
Sherham Hotel, Washington, D. C., late afternoon this date. b7(D)  
[REDACTED] advised KING indicated he may not stay over-night  
of 8/19/64, but may check out during the evening.

WFO maintaining liaison at Sherham Hotel and  
will advise Bureau and interested offices of any information  
re KING's plans obtained.

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Record of telephone toll calls made by KING will  
be obtained when available.

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)

SUBJECT: CIRM

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The source who furnished the information used in  
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The files of the NYO contain insufficient subversive  
information to characterize PAUL JACOBS.

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sensitive information with respect to the racial situation in  
the NY area and the Communist infiltration thereof, and it is  
felt that this classification is necessary in order not to  
jeopardize the valuable position of the informant in  
furnishing information of this nature.

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The same confidential source advised on August 16, 1964, that Bayard Rustin was in contact on that date with Paul Jacobs, who the source said, was from California. Rustin informed Jacobs that he and Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., are going to Washington, D.C. on Wednesday (August 19, 1964) to try to convince the President to seat both delegations (apparently referring to the regular Mississippi Democratic delegates to the Democratic National Convention and the delegates from the Freedom Democratic Party). Rustin said the President had already announced that he must seat the regular delegates. ~~X~~

Jacobs told Rustin that the California Convention (Democratic Convention) had passed a resolution recommending that the white delegation not be seated at the Convention. ~~X~~

Rustin said the best thing Brown (Governor Brown of California) could do was to recommend that both delegations be seated. ~~X~~

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(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFLUENCE  
IN RACIAL MATTERS  
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ReNY telephone calls of SAC DONALD E. RONEY and teletype of 8/13/64. Enclosed are seven copies of a LHM captioned and dated as above.

The source who furnished the information in the LHM is [REDACTED].

This LHM is classified "Secret" because it contains information from [REDACTED]. This source has furnished highly sensitive information with respect to the racial situation in the NY area and the Communist infiltration thereof, and it is felt that this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable position of the informant in furnishing information of this nature.

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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on August 13, 1964, that he learned that Bayard Rustin and the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., were in conference on that date. According to the source, King told Rustin that he had talked with Lee White (Special Assistant to President Johnson) last night and was informed by him that the President was tied-up today and tomorrow (August 13-14, 1964), and wondered if he could confer with him (King) on the phone. King said after thinking about it, he believed "this" was important enough that he talk to President Johnson face to face and not over the phone. ~~X~~

It is noted that on August 7, 1964, the same confidential source advised that Bayard Rustin and King conferred on that date, and King was advised to send a telegram to President Johnson requesting a meeting with him for this week. The purpose of the meeting, the telegram stated, was to consider the moratorium on demonstrations and the possibility of further conflict in urban centers. ~~X~~

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In continuing their conference, King said he had the impression that he (President Johnson) was not only trying to avoid the issue, but also avoid meeting him face to face for fear that it would get back to the South that he (the President) was dealing with him. X

King, the source said, thought he (the President) was trying to avoid meeting him in Washington, where the press would let the nation know he was meeting with him. He said this was the reason he (the President) first proposed they meet in New York. This, King said, made him a little sensitive. X

Rustin told King that his position was correct for two reasons: because he would not derive any satisfaction over the telephone; and secondly, because "those young people must know you are putting up a fight for them". X

King apprised Rustin that he was told by Lee White that possibly the President would see Joe Rauh (Counsel to the United Auto Workers, American Federation of Labor - Congress of Industrial Organizations) on Monday or Tuesday (August 16-17, 1964). X

King said the first suggestion was that "some man who advises the President on this thing" would come to New York and talk to him but said he rejected that. He said he advised that the matter was of such importance that he desired to discuss it with the President in person, not on the telephone. He said as an after-thought that he should have indicated to White that he felt the matter was being taken too lightly, and he thought the President was not only trying to avoid the issue, but also avoid seeing him. "I really think", King said, "that is what it is, I don't think the President is so busy that he could not see me on one of the most pressing issues he has to face." King said he was of the opinion that "this political thing has these fellows afraid" and he was afraid for the South to see him sitting down with him and talking to him at this time. X

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In reply to King's observations, Rustin was of the opinion that "we" must wage a fight, adding that Joseph Rauh cannot "put it over, he has tried again".

King instructed Rustin to contact Lee White and let him know his (King's) feelings; let the President know that he feels this is "down right avoiding him and the issues." Furthermore, King was of the opinion that the matter was so important the President should deal with it himself rather than through some assistant. King said that President Johnson should know that he does not like it, adding that if "we" do not wage a fight "they" will just run over us in the next two months. "Lyndon Johnson", King said, "needs the Negro vote. He feels that we have no way to go but we can certainly stay home."

The same confidential source advised on August 13, 1964, that Bayard Rustin and Lee White, Special Assistant to President Johnson, were in conference on that date. According to the source Rustin told White that the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., had talked with Rustin and other Negro leaders in New York City and that there was a sense of distress because King was asked to see the President not only on his own behalf but on behalf of a number of others. Rustin continued that King had very definitely gotten the impression that the President did not want to see him in Washington. White stated the President was willing to see King yesterday, August 12, 1964. Rustin commented that he had pointed this out to King, but that King had the impression that the President didn't want to see him in Washington for some reason, at this time.

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Rustin continued that he wanted to report this to White just to keep channels open. X

White stated that if there is any feeling of that sort he would much rather hear it. X

Rustin asked White to talk to King again. Rustin continued that almost all of the men who were involved in this moratorium signing (against demonstrations) feel that they are in a very peculiar position and that someone should talk with the President. Rustin added that Mr. Joseph Rauh was one of the persons who had urged King to see the President. Rustin went on to say that the leadership does not choose to pass on to the President their point of view through Mr. Rauh. Rustin again stated that it would be a good thing if White again talked to King. X

White commented that this was especially true if that is the feeling in King's mind that the President is trying to avoid him. X

Rustin stated that to put it correctly, King had the impression somehow from the conversation, that the President didn't want to see King in Washington at this time. Rustin continued that that was the way that King had told it to him. Rustin stated that King had asked him to relay this to White, "to do what you will about it." Rustin went on to say that he thinks it's frightfully important because "we" have a very peculiar problem at this end, at this time. Rustin continued that "we'll" be much more capable of trying to realize a sensible conclusion of this matter, if King is able to say that he has spoken with the President. Rustin added "that's the simple problem and I want to be very fair with you, I'm not so sure we're going to be able to handle it anyway." X

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White stated that "I appreciate the explosive potential that's in the situation and that of course, nobody with any feeling for it, would make any kind of flat assurances or predictions." White continued that he was sorry, especially since he was the one that King talked to, that King has that impression. X

Rustin stated that he didn't know if King holds that impression merely from the conversations with White, but that he, Rustin, thinks that some of this is also expressed in conversations "we've" been having here. Rustin again asked if White could call King. X

White stated "fine" and that as long as that doubt is in anyone's mind, it's much better to discuss it and have it out, rather than to permit it to smoulder. X

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On August 12, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Clarence Jones and Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., conferred on that date. King wanted to know what "people" think about the moratorium on demonstrations. Jones said some of them feel that the decision to have a moratorium was a good one, but feel the decision was reached improperly. Furthermore, Jones said they think the leaders are aligned too closely with the Johnson Administration, and feel "they" are being sold out to the "white power structure".

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Jones said his opinion was that it was unusual for "policy to be implemented for a tactical advantage", but questioned whether the wording was proper.

It is noted the "The New York Times", July 30, 1964, page 1, column 1, reported that major civil rights leaders conferred in New York City on July 29, 1964, and agreed to recommend to their members to observe a "broad curtailment if not total moratorium" on all mass demonstrations until after the November 3, 1964, Presidential elections.

According to the source, King said with regard to the moratorium, he thought it was a wise thing, because change occurs in the North through political power and nothing else. To this Jones agreed, stating that the dangers are "left sectarianism", and said "as I mentioned to our friend" there are some "black Negroes who are acting as if they are paid agents to disrupt the movement."

Jones told King that he had heard that the Progressive Labor Movement (PLM) in New York was trying to get Negroes to vote for Goldwater for President. He said "we" have to be careful of people who urge extreme action. He said in this regard that he felt that the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) was full of these people who urge extreme action.

A characterization of the PLM is attached.

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In continuing their conference Jones said he had been told by Bayard Rustin that Norman (Norman Hill, Program Director of CORE) plans to resign from that organization because it did not support the moratorium.

According to the source, Jones and King concluded their conference after King told of his plans to speak in Amsterdam, Holland. He said he will leave the United States on Friday night at 7:45 p.m. (August 14, 1964) and will return on Wednesday (August 19, 1964).

Clarence Jones is the  
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APPENDIX

PROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTY,  
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A source advised on July 2, 1962, that Progressive Labor groups held a conference in New York City on July 1, 1962, where MILTON ROSEN acted as chairman. He read a statement at this conference setting forth their intention to form a new Marxist-Leninist party in the United States. ROSEN stated that a more formal organization was necessary, one which would provide a frame-work for all who wanted to join in a united effort to build an American vanguard. The forces of this new organization are to consolidate all existing forces around Progressive Labor and organize additional forces; expand and improve political activities; win additional forces to an outlook of Marxism-Leninism and increase the open advocacy of socialism; develop a significant Marxist-Leninist program for the new party; and organize a collective organization of leaders and members.

"The Worker," an East Coast Communist newspaper, issue of January 7, 1962, Page Ten, Column Three, reported the expulsion of MILTON ROSEN, former Labor Secretary of the New York State Communist Party from the Communist Party, United States of America.

A second and third source advised in February, 1963, that this new Marxist-Leninist party had not yet been organized on a formal basis, but that Progressive Labor groups had been formed in several localities in line with the proposals of MILTON ROSEN. The sources advised as of February, 1963, that the leaders of this group were referring to it as the Progressive Labor Movement.

A fourth source advised on March 15, 1964, that the Progressive Labor Movement follows, supports, and is politically orientated toward the Communist Party line of Red China rather than that of the Soviet Union.

A fifth source advised on March 28, 1964, that at a Progressive Labor Movement meeting held in New York City on that date, it was announced that the Progressive Labor

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Movement would try to hold a national convention in New York City in September, 1964, to organize the Progressive Labor Movement on a more formal basis into a Progressive Labor Party.

The fifth source also advised that the Progressive Labor Movement publishes a monthly magazine called, "Progressive Labor" and also a quarterly theoretical publication called the "Marxist-Leninist Quarterly." The source also advised that starting June 1, 1964, the Progressive Labor Movement would start publishing a weekly newspaper in New York City.

The March, 1964, issue of "Progressive Labor" sets forth that it is published monthly by the Progressive Labor Company, General Post Office Box 808, Brooklyn 1, New York.

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SAS [REDACTED]  
were the Special Agents mentioned in the LHM as having  
seen KING and associates leaving 575 Madison Avenue,  
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The agents did not observe BAYARD RUSTIN at  
any time during their surveillance at 575 Madison  
Avenue, NYC.

In an effort to cover every possibility that  
STANLEY LEVISON and CLARENCE JONES might possibly  
meet KING at WACHTEL's office or at LEVISON's office,  
Special Agents of the NYO conducted physical surveillance  
of LEVISON's office. Information was received from  
[REDACTED] on 8/10/64 indicating that STANLEY LEVISON  
had invited JONES to his office at 3:00 p.m. on 8/11/64.  
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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on August 11, 1964, that he learned that Bayard Rustin was to meet with Martin Luther King, Jr. (President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference) on that date at the office of attorney Harry Wachtel, 575 Madison Avenue, New York City.

On August 11, 1964, at 6:25 p.m., Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) observed Martin Luther King, Jr., Bernard Lee (aide to King), and Cleveland Robinson (Secretary - Treasurer of District 65, Retail, Wholesale, and Department Store Union, American Federation of Labor - Congress of Industrial Organizations, AFL-CIO), departing the building at 575 Madison Avenue, New York City, wherein is located the office of Harry Wachtel.

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The "Daily Worker", issue of February 25, 1957, page 1, column 1, contained an article which stated that Bayard Rustin, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was one of eight non-Communist observers at the Communist Party National Convention in 1957.

The "Daily Worker" was an east coast Communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

Harry H. Wachtel is the Executive Vice President for the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York City. He resides at 29 Split Rock Drive, Kings Point, Long Island, New York.

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A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild is attached.

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APPENDIX

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

"National Lawyers Guild

- "1. Cited as a Communist front.  
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)
- "2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.'  
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950.)
- "3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the \* \* \* National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.'  
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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Re Atlanta letter to Bureau, 7/24/64.

Enclosed for the Bureau are ten copies of LHM suitable for dissemination, entitled "JUDGE RAYMOND PACE ALEXANDER MAKES \$1,000 CONTRIBUTION TO SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE." Three copies each are designated for Atlanta and New York.

Also enclosed are five, three, and three copies to Bureau, Atlanta, and New York, respectively, of an article entitled "King Seeks New Vote Issue To Beat Goldwater," from the Final City Edition of the Philadelphia "Inquirer," 8/6/64, Page 5.

In addition, one copy each of a letter from Philadelphia to the Civil Service Commission, Philadelphia, Pa., dated 9/18/63, concerning RAYMOND PACE ALEXANDER is enclosed for the Bureau, Atlanta, and New York for possible future reference.

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The Philadelphia "Inquirer," a daily newspaper, in the August 6, 1964, Final City Edition, Page 5, contained an article entitled, "King Seeks New Vote Issue to Beat Goldwater," which reflected that Judge RAYMOND PACE ALEXANDER of Common Pleas Court 4, Philadelphia, Pa., released a letter from Reverend Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., to the Philadelphia "Inquirer" on Wednesday, August 5, 1964.

In this letter, Doctor KING said the decision had been made to register objections to Senator BARRY GOLDWATER "on issues other than race." The article reflected that Doctor KING's letter stated that an issue must be raised around which people of liberal inclination can rally. KING stated this was more important than encouraging the fear of Fascism.

The article identifies Doctor KING as President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

KING's letter also stated that he had found that other major concerns "hinge on the question of welfare support having stifled the initiative of minority groups."

Doctor KING's letter was in reply to Judge ALEXANDER's request for a moratorium on "needless" civil rights demonstrations for the duration of the presidential campaign. Judge ALEXANDER felt these demonstrations were harming the Negro cause, which he feels is already threatened by the pro-Goldwater "white backlash."

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Doctor KING's letter reflected he shared the Judge's concern over the possible election of BARRY GOLDWATER and the inevitable rallying of the right-wing forces of the nation.

Doctor KING's letter stated "that we are doing our best to deal with these problems in a positive fashion and that we will be extremely cautious when it comes to dealing with demonstrations."

Doctor KING acknowledged Judge ALEXANDER's \$1,000 contribution to the SCLC. The Judge sent the check along with an offer to speak for the group and an endorsement of the non-violent civil rights demonstrations with which Doctor KING has been associated in the South.

The September 17, 1931, issue of the "Moscow News," an English language Communist newspaper published in Moscow, Russia, carried an article captioned, "Communism is the Only Hope of the Negro People," which is set out, in part, as follows:

"Soviet Russia is the only country that offers liberty and equality to all people black and white. When I go home to America, I shall tell my people, the Negroes, that their salvation lies in Communism." This from Raymond Pace Alexander and his young wife, both attorneys from Philadelphia now in Moscow. 'There has been a tremendous Negro movement toward Communism in the past few years,' Alexander declared. 'Our people have been coming to us asking us questions about Socialism, anxious to know if the Socialist government in Russia was as it was painted. I came to find out so that I could give them firsthand information. I shall tell them that Communism offers the only government of the masses.' Alexander, a graduate of Harvard University, has been President of the National Bar Association of America, the only national association for Negro lawyers..."

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The November 30, 1946, edition of the Philadelphia "Afro-American" carried an article captioned, "Civil Rights Unit to be Formed Here." This article stated that a two-day conference to organize a Philadelphia Chapter of the Civil Rights Congress would be held December 13 and 14, 1946. The article stated that Raymond Pace Alexander, Attorney, would serve as Chairman during a luncheon meeting on Saturday, the 14th, at the Jefferson Room of the Adelpia Hotel, 13th and Chestnut Streets.

The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The April 1, 1944, issue of the Philadelphia "Tribune" newspaper contained an article which stated that Attorney Raymond Pace Alexander was one of the lecturers of the Philadelphia School of Social Science and Art courses, Spring Term, which was to begin on April 10.

The Philadelphia School of Social Science and Art has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.



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was held on June 7, 1958, at the China Village,  
917 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pa., in celebration  
of the victory of the Philadelphia Smith Act defendants.  
Approximately 250 people attended. During the dinner,  
Joseph Roberts spoke stating he wished to thank  
everyone who had a hand in helping the Philadelphia  
Smith Act defendants win their freedom. Included  
among those specifically named was Raymond Pace  
Alexander. *&*

JOSEPH ROBERTS was a Smith Act defendant and  
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# King Seeks New Vote Issue to Beat Goldwater

Negro forces led by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., are looking for an issue other than civil rights to use against Sen. Barry Goldwater, Republican Presidential nominee.

The developing strategy was

revealed in a letter from Dr. King to Judge Raymond Pace Alexander, of Common Pleas Court 4, released to The Inquirer on Wednesday.

Dr. King said that the decision had been made to register objections to Goldwater "on issues other than race."

"In fact," said the Negro leader, "we might better speak on the other issues.

"Somehow, we must get an issue around which we can rally persons of liberal inclination in positive terms which will win support from the uncommitted.

"This seems to me to be more effective than encouraging the fear of the Negro."

"How can we come on a mass rally on a subject which is not a race issue? At that point, many Negroes are looking toward the same end."

Dr. King, who is president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, said the "emotional responses and fears generated by the Negro 'othering' were to be avoided of white voters."

He said he had ruled out their other main concerns, "since on the question of 'welfare support' having stifled the initiative of minority groups," and government spending and control.

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"Certainly these issues need to be dealt with directly," Dr. King said. "We are presently working on information regarding Federal support of business, professional education and other areas which relate to middle income brackets."

"This information may prove valuable

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Dr. King's letter was in reply to Judge Alexander's call for a moratorium on "needless" civil rights demonstrations for the duration of the Presidential campaign. The judge had said they were harming the Negro cause already threatened by the candidate "who back-

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... said he said the concern for possible election of Barry Goldwater and the inevitable rallying of the 'right-wing' forces of the Nation."

"You can rest assured," said Dr. King, "that we are doing our best to deal with these problems in a positive fashion and that we will be extremely cautious when it comes to dealing with demonstrations."

Dr. King also acknowledged Judge Alexander's \$1000 contribution to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. The judge sent the check along with an offer to speak for the group and an indorsement of the non-violent civil rights demonstrations with which Dr. King has been associated in the South.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Could you please tell me if, according to your department's records, the Reverend Martin Luther King is a member of the Communist Party. I know that members are required by law to register with the Justice Department, so I presume such information is available.

I will greatly appreciate any information you can give me.

Sincerely,

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